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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled "**AN EXERCISE APPARATUS THAT ALLOWS USER VARIED STRIDE LENGTH**" – Robert E. Rodgers, Jr.

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- (1) A 158 page patent application including a title page, 35 page description, 768 claims on 95 pages, a one page abstract, and 43 Figures on 26 pages;
- (2) An originally executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages);
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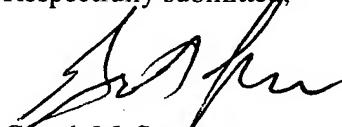
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